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TH AGRAHAYANA SAKA ILLEGAL TRADE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the secretary level talks were held recently to check illegal trade across the open border of India and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the success achieved to check illegal trade as a result thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problem of illegal trade was discussed in the Inter- Governmental Committee (IGC) Meeting held on December 10-12, 1999 at the level of Commerce Secretaries of India and Nepal atNew Delhi. The Indian side brought to the notice of the Nepaleseside the items which are prone to illegal trade across the India-Nepal border and also suggested measures to be taken bythe Nepalese side which will help in curbing illegal trade.

(c) The Nepalese side reiterated its strong commitment toprevention of illegal trade. Constant efforts are continuing to achieve tangible result.